

# Bridges2Honduras



## Grieving in Community...and Becoming Family

*Thank you for your continued prayers on our behalf. Below is a list of our daily prayer requests.*

### **Sunday**

*God raises up leaders within the local church body*

### **Monday**

*Our plans and actions are guided directly by God and that He gets the glory in everything we do*

### **Tuesday**

*Men's & Women's Group Bible studies and children's classes*

### **Wednesday**

*Individual Bible studies with non-believers*

### **Thursday**

*Mid-week Bible study*

### **Friday**

*DESEO program*

### **Saturday**

*CRESCO program*

This month one of our members experienced a death in the family. Vilma, the sister-in-law of Claudia (photo on the left, person on far left) died just four short months after being diagnosed with stomach cancer. Flor, the sister of Vilma, had been visiting our meetings with Claudia for quite some time. During Vilma's illness, Kris had the opportunity to visit and pray with Vilma and drive some family members up to San Pedro to visit with Vilma once she was moved up there for medical treatment. In Honduras, after a death, the custom is for the family of the deceased to feed all the well-wishers for many days. This becomes quite expensive and is quite a burden on an already struggling family. We have heard stories of families losing their homes because they take out mortgages due to the cost of treatments, the funeral and then feeding hundreds of people for days on end. The Corquín church wanted to help out this family, so in the photo on the right, you can see some of the ladies from the congregation making over 100 sandwiches to take over to their house. In addition, the men's group decided to gift the entire offering (of one Sunday) to the family to help with the overwhelming costs they incurred. It was wonderful to see the love of Christ coming out in all of our church family and their willingness to pitch in. Kris was blessed with the opportunity to spend time in Vilma's home, help with preparations, decorate their home for the visitation, serve food to visitors, and had the honor of walking arm in arm with her sisters on the trek through the town to the cemetery. Normally, only family members serve and take those roles, but Kris was allowed in and worked along-side the family. A special bond was made over those weeks that has changed our relationship. We are no longer outsiders, we are family!

## Mother's Day Surprises

This year, rather than trying to organize a Mother's Day celebration for ourselves, the women of the congregation decided to make gift baskets filled with daily food necessities and deliver as many as we could to some of the poorest mama's in Corquín. For about 2 weeks, each person brought what they could, and it was collected a large basket. On the Friday before Mother's Day, a couple of us got together and assembled the baskets. Over the next two days we delivered sixteen baskets in all. Those that received baskets were so surprised and so very thankful and those that participated in giving shared that it made them feel so good to think of others instead of spending the time and money on themselves!

During our Thursday night Bible study time, the men of the congregation gave the women the surprise of their lives. They told us that since we decided to serve others this Mother's Day, they wanted to do something for us. They schemed, planned, and carried out their surprise perfectly. Not one of us knew what they were up to. They set up tables, brought in food, served everyone, gave each mom a gift, and then cleaned up afterwards. Just to give perspective into how big this was: men in Honduras don't ever serve when it comes to food or clean up after a meal. Normally the women cook every meal and serve the food onto the men's plates. I wish you could have seen the faces of the women! It was Priceless! The women felt so special and we could tell the men felt great serving the mother's in this way. We finished off the night with a giant cake! Delicious.





Transitions are not always easy, but they are a natural part of life. We have experienced many transitions over the past two years. We have transitioned from working for Michelin and the public-school system to missionary work; from living in our home culture to living as aliens in Honduras; from speaking English to learning how to communicate in Spanish; from being members of an existing church body to planting a church, and from living near most of our children to living a great distance from them. Change, with its uncertainty, naturally brings about a level of stress to each of us, but we are thankful for God's care and faithfulness during each transition and for the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please continue asking God for his peace and guidance as we strive to fulfill his plans and purposes for our lives.

We are now getting ready for a new transition...an empty nest! Kaylee will be leaving us this summer to participate in the Adventures in Missions program located in Lubbock, TX. We are so very proud of her, but she will be greatly missed; not just by us, but by the community here in Corquín. Kaylee has become a big part of the lives of so many here and the children are sad that she's leaving and are trying to figure out how they will "survive" without her.

### Signs of Growth

We are so excited about the bits of growth we see in our Honduran Brothers and Sisters in Christ. The men have worked out a rotating schedule for each man to take a turn in our weekly group Bible studies and the Sundays we are in Corquín. They participate in preparing and delivering the message, lead singing, sharing at the Lord's Supper, lead prayers, and make announcements. This has not been come easy for them, and some are quite nervous, but they are willing to do it!

In the same way, the women are each taking turns teaching on a specific topic during their Tuesday night women's Bible study. They are also becoming more comfortable in leading prayers in their group as well.

Kaylee will be leaving in July and with her goes our children's Bible school teacher. Kris spoke with the ladies about this and three have stepped up to say that they want to help with the classes. Kaylee will be spending much of her time in June showing them different ways to teach a Bible lesson and memory verses. Please be praying for this transition.



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